GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Commercial Taxes) Department - Surprise check on Boarder Check-Post, Commercial Tax Department, Nagalapuram, Chittoor district on 23.08.2015 - Departmental action initiated against Sri J.Sanjeeva Reddy, AO & DCTO and 6 others - Enquiry Officer appointed - Enquiry report submitted - Examined - Show cause notice issued - Written representation submitted - Imposed penalty of withholding of 6% monthly pension permanently against Sri S.Basha Khan, formerly ACTO, Boarder Check-Post, C.T.Dept., Nagalapuram Chittoor district (SO-3) (retired) - Orders - issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 886 Dated: 18-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.114/DES-TCT/2015, dt.21.04.2016.
2. Govt.Memo.No.17023/20/2016-Vig.II-1, dt.20.06.2016.
3. From Smt.G.Sumathi, JC (ST) & Inquiry Authority, Inquiry Report dt.06.07.2021.
4. From the CCST, Lr.Ref.No.V3/406/2015, dt.28.01.2022.
5. Govt.Memo.No.17023/20/2016-Vig.II, dt.27.07.2022.
6. From the CCST's, Lr.Ref.No.V3/406/2015, dt.20.12.2022.
7. Govt.Memo.No.80625-17023/20/2016, dt.11.08.2023.
8. From the CCST's, Lr.Ref.No.V2/V3/406/2015, dt.08.02.2024.
9. Govt.Memo.No.(80625)17023/20/2016-Vig.VI, dt.08.05.2024.
10. Govt.Memo.No.80625-17023/20/2016, dt.28.09.2024.
11. G.O.Rt.No.694, Revenue (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.30.09.2024.
12. From Sri S.Basha Khan, retired ACTO, explanation dt.26.12.2024.
13. From the CCST's, Lr.Ref.No.REV03-19023(31)/4/2022-VIG-CCT, dt.03.04.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the DG, ACB has stated that the ACB authorities had conducted a surprise check on the Boarder Check-Post, Commercial Taxes Department, Nagalapuram, Chittoor district on 23.08.2015 and found certain irregularities and recommended to initiate departmental action against the following officials 7 Suspected Officers of Commercial Tax Dept., for major penalty for violation of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964:-

1) Sri Jambula Sanjeva Reddy, DCTO & AO, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO-1);
2) Smt.T.Ramyamani, Retired on 31.05.2017 as DCTO, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO -2);
3) Sri S.Basha Khan, Retd on 28.02.2019 as ACTO, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO-3);
4) Sri Yaragiri Adbul Ibrahim, JCTO, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO-4);
5) Sri Neelam Venkatagiri, JCTO, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO-5);
6) Sri Kollu Ravindra Reddy, OS, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO-6);
7) Sri Busineni Chegalrayulu, Tony Hedwin, OS, BCP, CT Dept., Nagalapuram (SO-7)

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Govt., while forwarding the draft Articles of Charges have requested the CCT to initiate common disciplinary proceedings against the above Suspected Officers under Rule-24 r/w.Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for their misconduct and violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 duly following the due procedure and requested to furnish the enquiry report under scheme of Vigilance for taking further action in the matter.

3. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the CCST has stated that Smt.G.Sumathi, the then Dy.Commr.(ST), Nellore Division presently Jt.Commr.(ST), O/o.CC(ST) has submitted her enquiry report vide reference 3rd read above in the case of surprise check conducted by the ACB authorities on Boarder Check Post, Nagalapuram of Chittoor dist., on 23.08.2015 and furnished his provisional decision on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. As seen from the report, Smt.T. Ramyamani, DCTO and Sri Sowrani Basha Khan, ACTO retired from Govt.service. Hence, Govt., is the disciplinary authority in respect of the above two retired Charged Officers.

4. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Govt., requested the CCST to furnish his specific provisional decision on the findings of the inquiry officer and also the quantum of punishment to be imposed against Charged Officers, who are in service. In reply, the CCST

vide reference 6th read above has furnished provisional decision and quantum of punishment to be imposed against the Charged Officers.

5. After following due procedure, the inquiry report has been communicated to the COs, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority vide reference 7th read above. The CCST vide reference 8th read above has submitted the served copies with dated acknowledgments of the COs and their representations and provisional decision in respect of 5 in-service COs. After examining the matter as per vigilance scheme, Government have agreed with the provisional decision of the CCST and directed the CCST to take further action vide 9th read above. In respect of Smt.T. Ramyamani, DCTO (Retd) issued orders dropping further action vide 11th read above, since the charges framed against her are held not proved.

6. Whereas, in the reference 10th read above, a show cause notice was issued to Sri S.Basha Khan, the then ACTO (retd.) to show cause as to why the penalty of withholding of 6% monthly pension permanently shall not be imposed against him for the charge proved against him. Whereas, the CCST vide reference 13th read above has furnished the served copies of the Show-Cause Notice and the representation filed by Sri S.Basha Khan, ACTO (retd.) for taking necessary further action. Whereas, in the reference 12th read above, the CO has furnished his explanation requesting to take lenient view as he is a retired employee and the proposed 6% cut in his monthly service pension permanently as penalty will irreparable loss to him in his retirement life and requested to drop the penalty or reduce to the minimum extent possible.

7. Government have examined the written representation submitted by the Charged Officer and report of Inquiry Officer with reference to the record of material available and found that 4 charges framed against the Charged Officer. Charge No.2 as per Inquiry Officer and (Charge 3 as per Charge memo) is proved which relates to excess cash in Govt., collections and excess unaccounted cash said to be found in various places in Border Check Post, Nagalapuram at the time surprise check by ACB authorities on 23.08.2015. He indulged in corrupt practices and an amount of Rs.11,000/- which was found excess in the custody of the ACTO in cash counter and failed to give any account for the excess amount mingled with Government cash. And also an amount of Rs.11,400/- was found hidden under gas cylinder in kitchen, an amount of Rs.8,935/- was found under the slab dining table located in the kitchen varendah. He violated the Rule 3 (1), (2),(5) and 9 (8) (A) AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter and written explanation submitted by the retired Charged Officer and in view of the findings of the Inquiry Officer, hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of 6% monthly pension permanently against Sri S.Basha Khan, formerly ACTO, Boarder Check-Post, C.T.Dept., Nagalapuram Chittoor district (SO-3) (retired) as the charge framed against him is proved.

9. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual concerned (through the Chief Commissioner of
State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,
Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

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Vijayawada, for favour of information
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SECTION OFFICER